



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Since the founding of our nation, our military has displayed incredible strength and unyielding bravery, taking a stand against the dangers that threaten our way of life. The brave service members that have served our country stand as examples of hope, opportunity, and the promise of freedom to people around the world. Women service members have played a large part in this shared history.

The legacy of American women serving their country is an enduring example of selflessness, sacrifice, and trail-blazing history. During World War II, when women were first permitted to enlist in the U.S. military, the legendary all-female, all-Black 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion inspected all mail from the U.S. to Europe while overseas. Texas is particularly proud of the women who created the famous Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASP) service organization, whose members later went on to fight for their veteran status and were eventually awarded a Congressional Gold Medal. During the Korean and Vietnam Wars, around 7,500 women served our nation, many as nurses, and in 1976 the first women were admitted to the military service academies. In our modern era, the first female soldiers became infantry officers in 2016, and, in 2017, the first female marines graduated from infantry school. As long as our military remains dedicated to protecting the freedoms we hold dear, women in the armed forces will continue to serve and protect.

During the 85th Legislature, I was proud to sign legislation which established June 12 as Women Veterans Day in Texas. It was on this day in 1948 when President Harry S. Truman signed into law the Women's Armed Services Integration Act, enabling women to serve as permanent and regular members of America's armed forces. Women service members and veterans display the bravery, commitment, and strength we have come to expect from our military, and I am proud to recognize and commend their immense dedication and distinguished service.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to learn more about the contributions that women veterans have made and continue to make in our state and nation, to thank them for their service, and to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Their commitment to answering our nation's call to serve affords us the opportunity to enjoy the freedom we cherish, and their dedication stands as an example to the rest of the world.

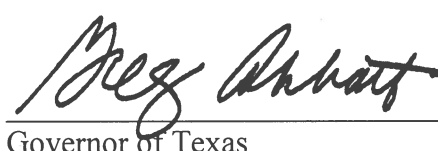
Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim June 12, 2022, to be

Women Veterans Day



in Texas and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
18th day of May, 2022.


Governor of Texas